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SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT FRANCE SERVE AS U.S. PROTECTING
POWER

REF: (A) 099923 (B) PARIS 11366

1. QUAI DIRECTOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS LABOULAYE INFORMED DCM MAY 7 THAT GOF HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO BE PROTECTING POWER FOR U.S. IN SVN. SINCE PRG HAS NOT BEEN FORMALLY ESTABLISHED AND DECLARED IN SAIGON, GOF HAS OBVIOUSLY BEEN UNABLE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH PRG ON SUCH MATTERS. IN ADDITION, WITH NO DIRECT CONTACT WITH A GOVERNMENT IN SAIGON, GOF DID NOT SEE THAT IT COULD BE VERY EFFECTIVE IN PROTECTING ANYONE'S INTEREST. GOF HAD REPORT THAT PRG FOREIGN MINISTER MME. BINH WAS PROCEEDING TO SAIGON FROM DANANG AND LABOULAYE THOUGHT THE SVN SITUATION MIGHT SOON BE REGULARIZED. LABOULAYE NOTED THAT IT WAS NOT EVEN CLEAR WHETHER PRG WOULD ACCEPT EXISTING EMBASSY IN SAIGON HEADED BY AMBASSADOR MERILLON OR WOULD PREFER AS NEW DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE FRENCH SPECIAL DELEGATE TO PRG, MICHEL HURIET.

2. LABOULAYE NOTED THAT WHEN GOF HAD AGREED TO BE PROTECTING POWER FOR FOUR OTHER COUNTRIES, GVN HAD STILL BEEN IN EXISTENCE.

3. IN SUM, LABOULAYE ASSURES US THAT AGREEMENT TO
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PROTECT U.S. INTERESTS HAS PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL AND

NOW DEPENDS ONLY ON OBTAINING PRG CONCURRENCE.

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